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Notifications, &c., by the Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

Circular No. 17 F.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue, Agricultur and Commerce,—dated Simla, the 6th May 1879.

FORESTS.

READ—the following despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, forwarding a notice issued by the Italian Government respecting a prize to be awarded by them for the best essay on trees of the genus "*Citrus*":—

No. 11, dated the 27th March 1879.

From—Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,

To—The Government of India.

At the instance of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I transmit herewith ten copies (10) of a notice issued by the Italian Government respecting a prize to be awarded by them for the best essay on trees of the genus "*Citrus*."

2. I desire that this notice may be published in the Government Gazettes, and that such other steps may be taken as may seem desirable with a view to bringing the subject to notice in India.

Notice issued by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce.

(Communicated to Lord Salisbury by the Italian Ambassador in London.)

(Translation.)

The Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, considering the opinion expressed at the meeting of November 6, 1878, by the Commission appointed to decide upon the competitions instituted by Royal Decree of February 14, 1877, in regard to the essays "On the genus *Citrus*" presented to compete for the prize of 3,000 lire, and which were declared not deserving of the prize;

Considering that the reasons still exist for which it was thought very beneficial to encourage a complete study of the physical nature and biology of the Hesperidæ, and for which the competition was instituted;

Accepting the vote passed by the above-mentioned Commission,

Decrees:

Article 1.—A reward of 3,000 lire shall be assigned to the author of the most complete and best monographic essay on the structure, the vital functions, and the diseases of the acid fruits, or species and varieties of the genus *Citrus* and kindred genera; provided that the said work, by a sufficient collection of original observations and experiments, should succeed in furnishing an important addition to the present knowledge concerning such subjects, and thereby supply a scientific criterion for the improvement of the cultivation of these acid fruits and for the cure of their diseases.

Art. 2.—The date for sending in the works competing for the said prize is fixed for the end 1881.

Essays by Italians, or by foreigners written in Italian, are admissible to the compe written in another language they must be accompanied by an Italian translation.

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The essays sent in for competition are to be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry, and Commerce, with the superscription : "Competition for the Prizes for the best essay on the genus *Citrus*," and they must be distinguished by a motto to be given also, on a sealed cover containing the name and address of the author.

Art. 3—The award upon the essays of the competitors will be issued by the Commission appointed in pursuance of the Royal Decree of February 14, 1877, No. 3684, within ten months from the close of the competition.

The cover that bears the motto of the essay to which the reward is to be granted will be opened ; the covers corresponding with the unsuccessful essays will be burnt unopened.

The copyright of the essays sent in for competition is reserved to the respective authors ; but the essay that obtains the reward may be printed, entire or in part, in the "Annals of Agriculture," published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce.

The present Decree will be registered at the Court of Accounts.

Given at Rome, December 9,, 1878.

The Minister,

(Signed) E. PESSINA.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for publication in the local gazette and for communication to the officers of the Forest and other Departments.

Madras.	Central Provinces.
Bombay.	British Burma.
Bengal.	Mysore and Coorg.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	Ajmere.
Punjab.	Assam.
	Hyderabad.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded, for information, to the Superintendent of Forest Surveys and the Comptroller-General.

(True Extract.)

C. D. TUPPER,

Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

JUDICIAL.

Simla, the 22nd May 1879.

No. 99 *I*-J.—In supersession of Foreign Department Notification No. 13 J., dated 18th January 1870, the Governor General in Council is pleased to extend Act I of 1879 (the Indian Stamp Act, 1879) to the Territories of Mysore, subject to the following modifications, *viz.*,—

(*a*) for the words "British India" and "Local Government," wherever they occur, the words "the Territories of Mysore" and "Chief Commissioner of Mysore" shall be substituted respectively :

(*b*) for the word "April" in the last paragraph of section one and in section five, clause (*a*), the word "June" shall be substitued :

(c) for clauses (7) and (8) respectively of section three the following clauses shall be substituted :

"Controlling Revenue Authority" means the Chief Commissioner or such officer as the Chief may from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint in this behalf by of his office :